kerosene allocated to Jammu and Kashmir during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 is as under:—

Year	Quantity (In MTs)
2003-04	79526
2004-05	75487
2005-06	76044

(b) and (c) This Ministry has received representations from various state Government/Union Territories, including the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, for the enhancement of their SKO quota.

Effective 2nd October 2005, Government launched the Jan Kerosene Pariyojana as a pilot project in 413 blocks covering 23 States and one Union Territory for a period of six months to strengthen and streamline the infrastructure for kerosen distribution and to involve the Gram Sabhas and Gram Panchayats and State Panchayati Raj Institutions in the supervision of PDS kerosene distribution, so as to ensure that the entitled beneficiaries actually receive their entitlement and deversion to adulteration and black-marketing is capped, reversed and eventually eliminated.

Mixture of water in LPG cylinders

2353. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints were received in Delhi that LPG cylinders supplied in September, 2005, contained water alongwith the gas cheating thereby the consumers;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received in Delhi during that month alongwith the names of gas agencies which supplied such cylinders; and

(c) the action taken against the defaulting companies and their employees for cheating the comsumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported 3 cases of water filled cylinders to consumers by LPG distributors of

Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) during the month of September, 2005 in Delhi. The names of LPG distributors are as under:—

(i) M/s. Aar Kay Enterprises.

(ii) M/s Chandrakala Indane

(iii) M/s Arya Gas Service.

IOC have reported that in all these 3 cases the cylinders were found partially containing water and were replaced free of cost by respective distributors. The Ministry has sought a detailed investigation report in the matter from IOC.

Exploration of alternative fules in Himachal Pradesh

†2354. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have tried to find out any alternative of Liquefied Petroleum Gas in the form of fuel in backward and hilly areas particularly in Himachal Pradesh to conserve environment and to stop continuous cutting down forests;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when Government would consider finding out the alternative?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (OIC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC), and IBP Company Limited and marketing subsidized domestic LPG throughout the country. In order to encourage use of LPG by the people living in rural/hilly areas of the country including the State of Himachal Pradesh, OMCs have also introduced domestic LPG cylinders of 5 kg. In order to enable use of LPG by those people who cannot afford a full fledged LPG connection of their own, oil marketing companies has introduced the concept of "Rasoi Ghar" (community kitchens).

The Government of India is also promoting various alternative fuels including Bio-gas/ Gobar-gas, Solar Energy, etc.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.